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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James A. Williams *et al.*

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Entitled: **MULTIVALENT VACCINE FOR *CLOSTRIDIUM BOTULINUM* NEUROTOXIN**

Group No.: 1816

Examiner: Navarro

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED DECEMBER 3, 1999**

Box Non-Fee Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dated: May 15, 2000

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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 3, 1999. A petition for a three month extension of time, from March 3, 2000 to June 3, 2000 is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claim:

29. (Amended) A soluble and neutralizing composition consisting of a fusion protein, said fusion protein comprising a non-toxin protein sequence and at least a portion of a *Clostridium botulinum* toxin [is] selected from the group consisting of Type B toxin and Type E toxin.